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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of April 2, 2003, Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time extending the period of response up to and including October 2, 2003. Applicants have also filed concurrently herewith a Notice of Appeal, appealing claims 1, 2, 4, and 5. The Office is authorized to charge the extension of time fee to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and request reconsideration of the present application.

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